

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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*In re:*

*Applicant:* VOLLMER, D. et al.

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***AMENDMENT***

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 21, 2009, please consider the following amendments and remarks together with a Petition for Extension of Time.